

## House Resolution No. 863

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Don Firebaugh of Fredericktown has distinguished himself as a retired Marine and National Guardsman who is active in Optimist Club, Saint Michael's Church, Fredericktown Friends of Music, Knights of Columbus, and Veterans of Foreign Wars venues; and

**Whereas**, Don Firebaugh will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when he receives the Distinguished Community Service Award from the Fredericktown Chamber of Commerce at its annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Friday, March 4, 2005; and

**Whereas**, the Fredericktown Chamber of Commerce helps improve the business climate and quality of life in the city of Fredericktown, which is located one hundred miles south of Saint Louis and fifty miles west of Cape Girardeau, lies in the foothills of the Ozarks, and has a population of nearly four thousand; and

**Whereas**, proudly serving as the county seat of government, Fredericktown is a zoned community and the largest town in four-hundred-square-mile Madison County, which is home to such important employers as Cap America, Incorporated; Black River Electric Cooperative; Filtration Systems, Incorporated; Wal-Mart; Sargeant Construction, Incorporated; the Fredericktown R-I School District, city government of Fredericktown; and Country Mart Supermarket; and

**Whereas**, nearly eighty churches of various denominations serve the religious needs of the people of Madison County, and two country music theaters in Fredericktown provide "G" rated entertainment in which walk-in performers are welcome; and

**Whereas**, overseeing the local economy is a county form of government consisting of a Presiding Commissioner and two District Commissioners, one of whom represents the northern half of the county and the other the southern half:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Don Firebaugh for a Distinguished Community Service Award from the Fredericktown Chamber of Commerce and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Don Firebaugh of Fredericktown, Missouri.

Offered by Speaker Rod Jetton  
District No. 156

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 863, adopted March 3, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker